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SUBJECT: GOB Posture in Cuban Crisis

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We would appreciate Embassy's comments on President Goulart's statement that if he had endorsed whole US position in recent Cuban crisis and offered participation Brazilian military units, neither US Ambassador nor he would have been safe in Rio streets. This seems to imply:

1. GOB unable or unwilling cope with security problem which would have been created by expected reaction from communists,
2. GOB not confident of substantial Brazilian public support for US position, or,
3. GOB unwilling for domestic political or other considerations to mobilize substantial public support which does exist for hemisphere policy.

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